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REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Claims 11, 12, and 16-25 were pending in this application. In this Amendment, Applicants have amended claim 11. Accordingly, claims 11, 12, and 16-25 will still be pending upon entry of this Amendment.

In the final Office Action mailed October 28, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 11, 12, and 16-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,122,648 to Roderick ("Roderick") in view of www.weichert.com/property/ ("Weichert"). To the extent the rejection might still be applied to the claims presently pending in this application, Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection for the reasons stated below.

Applicants' representative wishes to thank Examiner Kramer for the courtesies extended during a telephone interview on March 15, 2005. In that interview, Examiner Kramer agreed that amendments to the single independent claim 11 that incorporate the patentable limitations from the parent application (09/693,988) would place claim 11 and its dependent claims in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants have amended independent claim 11 to include all of the limitations of the allowed claim 22 of the parent application, as well as additional amendments necessary to conform the language consistent with claim 11 of the present application. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants have attached as Exhibit 1 a listing of allowed claim 22 from the parent application.

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Applicants have also amended claim 12, which depends from amended claim 11, to clarify a reference to an antecedent term. The remaining claims 16-25 also depend from amended claim 11 and remain unchanged.

Applicants therefore respectfully submit that amended claim 11 is patentably distinguishable over the prior art of record. Applicants further respectfully submit that claims 12 and 16-25 are patentably distinguishable over the prior art due at least to their dependency on amended claim 11.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. A favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions or determine that any further action is desirable to place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

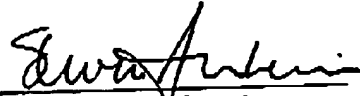
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